

# EXHIBIT A

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**ABOUT THE FIRM**

**LEGAL EXCELLENCE, DEDICATION TO CLIENTS, COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE**

Today, businesses face greater scrutiny and more "bet the company" issues than ever before. With a practice that offers unparalleled representation across a comprehensive range of practice areas, we have the ability to anticipate obstacles, seize opportunities and get the case resolved or the deal done—and the experience and know-how to prevent it from being undone.

Our firm, the Law Offices of Thomas G. Amon ("AmonLaw") was formed in 2004 as a venture law/litigation boutique. To each practice, we bring outstanding reputations for quality, excellence and service to clients.

Our firm fosters a collaborative culture that allows each lawyer to draw freely on the expertise and time of others to serve any client. We balance our proud heritage and thorough understanding of the law with an innovative and entrepreneurial spirit. Our practice is constantly evolving in response to our clients' needs, the demands of the market and the emergence of new technologies.

We have a rich heritage of commitment to public service and the causes of justice and fairness.

Most importantly, our firm stands for a steadfast commitment to the highest standards in everything we do—a commitment reflected in the continued success of our clients across the globe.

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**PRINCIPAL ATTORNEYS**

**Thomas G. Amon**, senior partner, formerly partner Sokolow, Dunaud, Mercadier & Carreras. Harvard College and University of Virginia School of Law. Practice areas: Mass tort, product liability, oil and gas securities fraud, shareholder derivative cases and general commercial. Representative clients: Exxon-Mobil, Westinghouse Electric, San Paolo Imi Bank, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Over thirty years experience in all State and Federal Courts.

**Mark J. Lawless**, formerly counsel Prentice Hall Corporation and Simon and Schuster; Fordham College and Columbia University School of Law; Practice areas: copyright, publishing, arbitration, employment law, shareholder class actions and derivative actions, general commercial; representative clients: Simon & Schuster, WRC Media Group, Hachette Publishing. Over thirty years litigation experience in all State and Federal Courts.

**Harry H. Wise**, formerly partner, Gadsby & Hannah, Boston, Massachusetts. Yale University and Boston College School of Law; Practice areas: media and libel, oil and gas securities fraud, contracts, international arbitration, shareholder class actions and derivative actions and general commercial; representative clients: Raytheon Corporation, Navistar, Exxon-Mobil, Diamond Shamrock, Daily News. Over thirty years experience in all State and Federal Courts.

**Michael Gold**, formerly assistant United States Attorney, E.D.N.Y. Brandeis University, Brooklyn Law School; Practice areas: white color criminal law, including money laundering, civil and criminal Rico, bank fraud and securities fraud, shareholder class actions and derivative actions. Over twenty years as criminal defense trial attorney.

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**Primary Practice Area**

**Venture Law Group**

AmonLaw has established one of the premier emerging technology practices in the country. We combine senior-level counseling and extensive industry knowledge to help emerging technology companies grow and prosper. We work in partnership with clients to build and represent deal-intensive emerging growth companies, both public and private, as well as with the venture capital and investment banking firms that support them.

We provide emerging companies with focused business and legal advice from incorporation through initial public offering, merger and beyond. We concentrate on general corporate counseling, venture financings, public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, technology transactions, employment, executive compensation and tax. We possess relationships with the nation's leading institutional, seed and angel venture capital investors and are among the leaders in structuring and negotiating venture capital financings. We play an active role in bringing together entrepreneurs and investors.

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**Primary Practice Areas****Broadcasting (Mass Media)**

AmonLaw has extensive experience in advising its commercial and non-profit educational broadcast clients on all facets of regulatory compliance, policy, and transactional matters, and the practical commercial and business issues attendant to them. Our clients in this area include major radio and television station group owners, national and international television and cable television programming networks and producers, various individual, minority and women station owners, venture capital/ private equity firms, and financial institutions with media-related interests.

Our day-to-day counseling goes beyond traditional FCC matters to include many aspects of a station's business and operations and the development of business structures appropriate for our clients' objectives. We also prepare talent, programming, and contest/event agreements, in addition to sports rights and syndication agreements. Our attorneys review advertising copy and promotional materials for state and federal compliance. We regularly counsel our broadcast clients on labor and employment matters, and the preparation of personal service agreements.

**Entertainment and Media**

AmonLaw's Media Group has substantial experience in entertainment, telecommunications, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, trademark and copyright and litigation and dispute resolution. We represent clients in contract negotiations, acquisitions, financings, copyright, trademark and licensing matters, international co-productions ventures, venture capital transactions, public and private offerings, guild arbitrations and other labor matters. Our clients include television and radio stations, television production companies, record companies, motion picture production companies, lenders to the industry, talent agencies, screenwriters, actors, directors, writers, publishers, cartoonists, new media and software developers.

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**Primary Practice Areas****Litigation – General**

AmonLaw represents clients in complex civil and criminal litigation, corporate investigations, class actions and stockholders derivative cases and domestic and international arbitrations. Our lawyers receive national and international recognition as top-rated practitioners. With a strong record of success as both trial and appellate lawyers, we have the experience and skill to execute a winning strategy from the outset of a case. We have extensive experience in the defense of toxic tort class actions and multi-district litigation.

Clients retain us not only for our litigation skill, but also because of our understanding of their industries and business goals, our knowledge of the regulatory and political environments in which they operate, and our experience in the technical and scientific disciplines at the core of many of their operations.

**Securities Litigation**

AmonLaw, in conjunction with leading national class action litigation firms, has a history of asserting the rights of investors in companies whose management violates the securities laws, or fiduciary or state statutory duties. The firm achieves this primarily through class action and derivative lawsuits.

The Firm's experience in class action securities litigation, in particular, **securities fraud claims** arising under the federal securities laws and regulations, including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"), is particularly extensive. The Firm, in conjunction with affiliated counsel, has recouped millions of dollars on behalf of classes of investors who purchased stock at prices artificially inflated by the defendants' material misstatements or omissions.

AmonLaw also has extensive experience litigating **shareholder derivative actions**, where shareholders bring actions on behalf of the corporation against persons who have harmed the corporation. For example, shareholders might claim that the officers and directors of a company breached their fiduciary duties to the company or its

shareholders by engaging in "self-dealing," or arranging a corporation's affairs in ways that benefit an officer and his friends at the expense of the corporation. AmonLaw was named Co-Lead Counsel in the case of Thomas Huston, Derivatively on Behalf of DHB Industries, Inc. v. David H. Brooks, Sandra L. Hatfield, Dawn M. Schlegel, Jerome Krantz, Gary Nadelman, Cary Chasin, Barry Berkman and Larry Ellis and DHB Industries, Inc. as Nominal Defendant, Case No. 05-CV-4529(JS) U.S. District Court E.D.N.Y. and Liaison Counsel in the case of Carolyn Phillips, Derivatively On Behalf of First BanCorp v Angel Alvarez-Perez, Annie Astor-Carbonell, Aurelio Aleman, Jose Julian Alvarez-Bracero, Jose Luis Ferrer-Canals, Sharee Ann Umpierre-Catinchi, Richard Reiss-Huyke, Jorge L. Diaz, Jose Teixidor-Mendez and Jose Menendez-Cortada and First BanCorp, as Nominal Defendant, Case No. 05-CV-10244(VA/JSR), U.S. District Court S.D.N.Y. Most recently, AmonLaw is Co-Lead Counsel in In Re Symbol Technologies Derivative Litigation, File No: 2:05-CV-04536-DRH-WDW, U.S. District Court E.D.N.Y.

Finally, AmonLaw has an established practice defending the interests of shareholders of corporations involved in **mergers or acquisitions**. In such situations, a corporation's officers and directors are required by law to maximize the value of the shareholders' investments.

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**White Collar Criminal Defense**

AmonLaw offers a complete range of white collar criminal defense services, from conducting internal corporate investigations, to defending corporations and individuals in grand jury (and related administrative) investigations and trials. We respond to allegations ranging from securities fraud to healthcare fraud and from customs violations and money laundering to antitrust violations. Our U.S. and international client base includes employees, chief executive officers, professional firms and corporations from a variety of industries. Each potential criminal case is unique and must be handled with the highest degree of care. The best result for a client who is the subject of an investigation is to avoid being charged at all, and we aggressively seek this result whenever possible. If a case does go to trial, we have the dedication, resources, skill and experience to provide the best defense. We also have achieved considerable success in handling the civil and administrative litigation that often accompanies criminal investigations, such as qui tam cases, SEC investigations and civil securities fraud litigation.

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**Securities**

We assist clients in raising capital through a wide range of public equity and debt financings. These financings include both IPOs and additional offerings for a broad range of businesses, including financial services, retail, manufacturing, mining, natural resources, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, film and television production and distribution, insurance, real estate, computer software and other technology, mutual fund management, and communications. Our practice includes a broad range of offering structures, from the "plain vanilla" to the novel and complex, in both domestic and international markets. We have worked with most major Canadian and U.S. underwriter and have acted on many cross-border and international offerings. This experience allows us to counsel public companies on regulatory compliance and risk and assist them if offenses occur.

AmonLaw has a preeminent international securities law practice. Considering our size, our practice is extremely diverse. We also offer sophisticated regulatory compliance advice and corporate governance counseling to companies and other financial market participants in the United States and Europe, and are highly regarded for our representation of investment management and broker-dealer businesses.

**Corporate Finance**

Our corporate finance practice encompasses traditional and innovative financing transactions in both domestic and international capital markets. Our clients include major corporations and entrepreneurial and growth-oriented companies in all major industrial sectors, including technology, e-commerce and telecommunications; investment funds; major U.S., Canadian and foreign investors; commercial and merchant banking groups; and major insurance companies and other financial institutions.

We are regularly involved in public and private debt and equity financings, project financing, secured lending, and securitization and private equity transactions.

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**Intellectual Property**

Our intellectual property (IP) practice provides comprehensive solutions to the intellectual property business challenges that face companies at all stages of growth. Clients turn to us because we combine the specialized legal and technical skills normally associated with boutique intellectual property firms, with the broad business and litigation capabilities of a major general practice firm. Like similar boutique firms, we counsel inventors, R&D teams and management on trademark, copyright and trade secret protection, and IP portfolio development. Unlike most IP practices, however, we also offer interdisciplinary experience in technology transfer and licensing, litigation, sponsored and collaborative research agreements, and IP-related due diligence because we understand how IP relates to your company's business. We work closely with affiliated firms who draft and prosecute patent applications.

We also are uniquely positioned to counsel clients on their business and legal IP strategies, analyzing the value of existing IP portfolios and tailoring these portfolios to match the client's business needs. This often includes targeting future technological areas of interest, protecting existing areas from competitors and preparing for market changes.

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**Corporate**

We have been recognized for our preeminence in the representation of technology companies in the U.S. and Europe. Our corporate lawyers are well known for their work in initial public offerings, venture capital, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, corporate governance matters and the representation of start-up companies.

Our business lawyers draw on the resources of our intellectual property, tax, labor and employment, employee benefits, real estate, bankruptcy and litigation practices to provide a one-stop solution to our corporate clients.

Our corporate lawyers service a diverse range of clients, from public and private companies to families and individual entrepreneurs.

**Financial Institutions**

Clients look to us for assistance with complex, challenging federal regulatory and legislative, litigation, enforcement, and business transaction matters that impact them as banks, broker dealers, mortgage lenders, database operators, on-line firms, and other financial services providers. We have extensive experience in particular areas including commercial financial services, privacy and information security, international banking, and anti-money laundering matters. Our lawyers, in conjunction with affiliated partners, remain at the forefront of complex issues that impact financial institutions and providers of financial services here and worldwide.